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CORTICAL BONE CERVICAL SMITH-ROBINSON FUSION IMPLANT

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

37 CFR 1.607 Request for an Interference with a Patent, 37 CFR 1.607(a)(

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The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Please cancel claims 1-58.

Please add claims 59-110 as follows:

59. A composite bone graft, comprising:

a first cortical bone portion comprising one or more cortical bone planks, and having a first face comprising protrusions;

a second cortical bone portion comprising one or more cortical bone planks, and having a second face comprising depressions complimentary to said protrusions provided on said first face, said second cortical bone portion is provided on said first cortical bone portion such that said first face and said second face interlock to form a graft unit; and

a cortical bone locking pin located approximately parallel or perpendicular to the

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